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SUBJ: COSTA RICA/NICARAGUA: INTERIOR MINISTER COMMENTS

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1. COSTA RICAN MINISTER OF INTERIOR JUAN ECHEVERRIA HAS DENIED THAT THERE IS ANY EVIDENCE OF THE EXISTENCE OF FSLN TRAINING CAMPS IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE COUNTRY, AS HAS BEEN ALLEGED IN A MANAGUA NEWSPAPER. IN HIS PUBLIC STATEMENT 26 JULY, HE STATED MINISTRY HAS PROOF THAT THERE WERE SUCH CAMPS IN AREA IN THE PAST BUT HAS NO PROOF OF ANY CAMP AT THE PRESENT. ECHEVERRIA ADDED THAT THE ONLY SANDINISTA TRAINING FACILITY DISCOVERED DURING THE CARAZO ADMINISTRATION WAS THE ONE NEAR SAN JOSE WHOSE OCCUPANTS WERE CAPTURED AND DEPORTED IN LATE JUNE.

2. THE MINISTER EMPHASIZED THAT COSTA RICA WOULD "RESPECT ITS INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS AND, WITHIN ITS CAPABILITIES, ASSURE THAT ITS TERRITORY WOULD NOT BE USED AS A CENTER OF HOSTILITIES AIMED AT OTHER NATIONS". HE POINTED OUT THAT HELICOPTER AND GROUND PATROLS WOULD CONTINUE ALONG THE FRONTIER AND THAT IN FACT VIGILANCE THERE WOULD BE REINFORCED. AND HE ADDED THAT IF NICARAGUAN AIRCRAFT WERE

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TO ENTER COSTA RICAN TERRITORY, "THERE WOULD BE AN IMMEDIATE PROTEST AND NECESSARY MEASURES WOULD BE TAKEN TO DEFEND NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY".

3. ECHEVERRIA ALSO OPINED THAT THE WAVE OF RUMORS AND ACCUSATIONS FROM MANAGUA WERE BASED ON INADEQUATE INFORMATION ON THE PART OF NICARAGUAN AUTHORITIES AND ON A COMMON INCLINATION OF COUNTRIES

TOWARD DELIBERATELY CONFUSING THEIR INTERNAL PROBLEMS WITH
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